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1. The reply filed on August 14, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): in the Remarks section, applicant states "the attached Terminal Disclaimer is believed to overcome the rejection of claims 1 through 13". However, no Terminal Disclaimer was received. As a result, the rejection is not responsive to the rejection. Also, the response contains no indication as to how the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the 35 USC 103 rejection using 10/022,322, now issued as Patent No. 6,610,369. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Katherine A. Bareford whose telephone number is (703) 308-0078. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(7:00-4:30) with the First Friday Off. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shrive P. Beck can be reached on (703) 308-2333. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications.

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